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# IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of :  
Mark Robert Sivik et al. : Confirmation No. 7311  
Serial No. 09/699,522 : Group Art Unit 1751  
Filed October 30, 2000 : Examiner J. R. Hardee  
For COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR USING  
POLYMERIC SUDS ENHANCERS

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Box Fee Amendment  
Washington, D.C. 20231

*no traverse*

Dear Sir:

## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed January 9, 2002, Applicants respectfully submit that the Restriction Requirement is improper because the Examiner could easily, without undue burden, search polymer suds stabilizers that comprise units capable of having a cationic charge at a pH of from about 4 to about 12, without restricting the claims to polymer suds stabilizers that comprise units having a specific L as defined in Claim 9, for example. Further, Applicants submit that Claims 1-27 relate to a single general inventive concept as encompassed in Claim 1.

However, in a desire to expedite prosecution of the present application, Applicants respectfully elect Group I, Claims 1-27 drawn to compositions containing polymers comprising cationically charged groups, classified in class 510, subclass 475, and to methods for using the compositions to launder fabrics, classified in class 510, subclass 276+, with traverse. This election is accompanied by a petition for a one-month extension of time with the appropriate fee. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any extension of time fee and/or any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 associated

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with this communication to Deposit Account No. 16-2480. A duplicate copy of this sheet for accounting purposes is attached.

The non-elected claims are cancelled without prejudice in the accompanying Preliminary Amendment.

Applicants expressly reserve the right to file continuation and/or divisional applications directed to the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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